



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

April 24, 2014
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2014

V. Approval of Agenda: April 24, 2014

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

Commissioners' Lunch is this Saturday, April 26 from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the Milpitas Community Center. Please RSVP by sending an email to dflunoy@ci.milpitas.ca.gov or call (408) 586-3228.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. International BBQ & Festival, May 31 – June 1

IX. Old Business

2. Sister City Research: Seongnam City, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea

Background: At its March 27, 2014 meeting, the Commission reviewed concerns about a report from the website of Seongnam Vision regarding a press conference that was help by the mayor of Seongnam. Commissioner Chen is leading the research effort, which was placed on hold pending review of written clarification from Seongnam City.

Recommendation: Review clarification and discuss new developments.

3. FY 2014-15 Work Plan & Mission Statement

Background: The SCC reviewed specific work plan elements that would span a fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) at the March 27 meeting.

Recommendation: Review the Purpose Statement of the By-laws and discuss a possible mission statement. Continue detailed discussion and review proposed format and elements of an annual work plan for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

4. Sister City Commission Promotional Expenses

Background: At the beginning of this fiscal year, the Commission has a spending limit of \$6,240. Expenses totaling \$6,984.25 are shown on the listing in the SCC agenda packet, for a total negative balance of \$744.25.

Recommendation: Review remaining expenses of this fiscal year.

5. SCI International Conference 2014

Background: The Sister Cities International Conference will be held at the San Jose Fairmont July 31 – August 2, 2014. Vice Chair Serpa and the Staff Liaison are registered. Staff has since registered the Student Liaison at \$250 level (no overnight stay) for the Youth Leadership Summit.

Recommendation: Discuss limiting attendees to two people and the Student Liaison.

6. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Background: There are two active pen pal / e-pal connections, bit with Figline Valdarno.

Recommendation: Receive updates from Commissioner Grilli and staff.

7. Home-stays for Dagupan and Huizhou Students, October 2014

Background: The SCC set a deadline of June 20 to accept home-stay applications. Staff contacted Milpitas High School Associate Principal Hilary Brittan and provided a letter outlining expectations of home-stay parents for review at the April 9 PTSA Executive Board meeting.

Recommendation: Receive staff report and updates from Dagupan and Huizhou lead commissioners. Continue discussion to reach MHS students and parents / guardians.

8. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Discuss next steps in the process to review this sister city relationship. Commissioner Arbaugh is the lead commissioner for Tsukuba.

Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 1, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: Discuss MOU and upcoming recommendation to City Council.

9. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: The Staff Liaison met with Mayor Esteves and City Administrator Farah Decano on April 8. Discuss next steps in the process to review this sister city relationship. Commissioner Mateo is the lead commissioner for Dagupan.

Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 15, 2009 for a five-year term, ending September 15, 2014.

Recommendation: Review meeting with Dagupan's City Administrator, the draft MOU and upcoming recommendation to City Council.

10. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Staff has communicated with Huizhou staff regarding the student visit in October and interest in economic development activities. Huizhou staff is researching inquiries from the SCC. Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship.

Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018.

Recommendation: Receive report from Chair Grilli and staff.

11. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy

Background: Former Mayor Nocentini was not appointed to run for election as the mayor of a newly-formed city, Figline e Incisa Valdarno. Vice Chair Serpa leads this sister city relationship.

Milpitas and Figline Valdarno signed their first MOU on May 8, 2012 for a two-year term, ending May 8, 2014.

Recommendation: Discuss new information, as available.

X. City Council Liaison Report

XI. School District Liaison Report

XII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
 - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
- b. Seongnam City Research & Discussion
- c. International BBQ & Festival, May 31 – June 1
- d. FY 2014-15 Work Plan
- e. Grants for Sister Cities Activities
- f. SCI Conference
- g. August 28, 2014 Meeting
- h. FY2014-15 Work Plan

XIII. Adjournment

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